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STATE LEGISLATURES.

Yesterday's Proceedings in the Illinois General Assembly.

The Mayor's Bill Ordered to a Third Reading in the House.

An Amendment Adopted Increasing the Mayor's Power to Remove City Officers.

Another Day's Debate on the Question of Credit Deductions in the Senate.

Passage in the Senate of the Bill Relative to Deposits by Foreign Insurance Companies.

Substance of the Report of the Penitentiary Investigating Committee.

George W. Dennis (Dem.) Elected United States Senator from Maryland.

ILLINOIS.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

COOK COUNTY REFORM.

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. —. In the Senate, on Mr. Dore's motion, the bill providing for a reassessment in ... county, in order to correct the unconstitutional features in it.

DELINQUENT TAXES.

The House, as ... ceded in passing, with some amendments, the Senate bill which is intended to allow cities in this State to sell lands for delinquent taxes, several of these municipalities having been terribly crippled by the fact that there has been no general officer of the county who could sell lands. It is an emergency bill, and, if the Senate concurs in the House amendments, it will go into force at once.

ANNEXATION BILL.

Unanimous consent was granted Mr. Brooks to take up the Senate bill for annexing territory to cities, and it was read and referred. It will probably be amended in the House as to remove some features in it which are objected to.

THE MAYOR'S BILL.

... on, Mr. Short's motion, so amended as to have the bill take effect on the Mayor's approval, except in case of officers appointed by the Governor, and was ordered engrossed for a third reading. The personal performance in Chicago was about convinced all members of the necessity for giving some more power to the chief officers of that city.

PENITENTIARY REPORT.

The report of ... Committee on the Penitentiary recommends that the commissions be done away with, and that contracts system be restored to. They find that the past management was negligent and incompetent, but not dishonest. The debt of the institution is $270,000, but there is property on hand which is now rended to the value of about $80,000, but the proceeds, by the present law, have to go into the State Treasury, and cannot be used to build additions to the present Constitution amounts to $87,000, and should be paid at once. They believe the Penitentiary is of great self-supporting, and that it is managed should be held to rigid responsibility. There are now 500 men employed in cutting stone for the State House, and they think that there will be a great demand for stone next year, and that the men can be profitably employed cutting stone for the State House.

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VACANCY IN THE COUNCIL.

etirement of Herman O. Glade of the Eleventh Ward.

A Jury of His Peers Decide that He Shall Withdraw from Public Life.

The "Expenses" of Removing the Hay Market Prove Expensive to His Liberty.

The Bribe-Taking Alderman Handed Over to the Sheriff.

The Criminal Court Room was well filled yesterday, with the people awaiting the expected developments of the Glade trial, which completed its fifth day and itself came to a conclusion to-wards evening.

[OPENING FOR THE PEOPLE.

Charles H. Reed, Esq., opened the case for the People. He said that it was a matter for universal gratification that after four days of delay the process of presenting dilatory and technical objections to the proceeding, the opportunity was now afforded to test the merits of the complaint against this Alderman. He recapitulated the nature of the charge made in the case, and claimed that he would show the delivery by Glade of the check of $150, by William Reinhardt, with the agreement that he, Glade, was, as an Alderman, to secure the removal of the hay stand from Randolph street, Reinhardt and others seeking its removal on the ground that it was an encumbrance to their property. He designated the crime as one of great infamy, and dangerous to society, because the betrayal of the public trust involves the whole community.

The defendant waived his opening, and the first witness was called and testified as follows:

THE FIRST WITNESS.

C. T. Hotchkiss testified:

Q. You reside in the city of Chicago? A. Yes, I do.

Q. How long have you resided here? A. About 15 years.

Q. Do you hold any office under the Municipal Government of the city of Chicago? A. I do; I am City Clerk.

Q. Are you City Clerk at present? A. I am.

Q. Of the city of Chicago? A. Yes.

Q. How long have you been City Clerk of the city of Chicago? A. A little over two years.

Q. Have you, as such City Clerk, since you have been in that office, had the custody of papers, to say, the ordinances of the Common Council of the city of Chicago? A. That is part of my duty.

Q. State, generally, how regularly or have attended the sessions of the Common Council—Aldermen? A. I have attended all of them, with very few exceptions.

Q. For the year commencing with the first Monday in December, 1870, down to the first Monday in December, 1871, do you attend the meetings of the Council? A. Nearly all of them

Q. And since that time, how are it been? A. Nearly all, I think.

Q. About how frequently did the Common Council hold sessions, aside from regular? A. Once a week.

Q. Do you know the defendant in this case, Herman O. Glade? A. I do.

Q. How long have you known him? A. About ten years.

Q. You know where he resides? A. I do.

Q. Where? A. On Halsted street; I don't know the number.

Q. What is his ordinary business? A. Liquor dealer.

Q. Does he do business alone, or has he a partner. A. A partner.

Q. What is his name? A. Louis Seivers.

Q. What is the name of his firm. A. Glade & Seivers.

Q. Look at that paper, and say if you ever saw it before? A. I did.

Q. Whose writing is that? It is mine.

Q. Whose signature is that, to that paper? A. It is mine.

Q. When was it put there? A. July 17, 1871.

Q. When you wrote your name to that paper, you signed your name to that paper? A. In my store.

Q. Did you deliver that to any person? A. I gave it to some person.

Q. Who to? A. I gave it to Herman O. Glade.

Q. When? A. At the same time.

Q. I will have the paper shown to see if there is anything on the back of it you recognize? A. My name is on the back, and the name of Glade & Seivers.

Q. Do you know whose handwriting that is—Glade & Seivers? A. I don't know exactly.

Q. Did you see the defendant write? A. I might, but I can't tell exactly.

Q. When was your name put on the back of it? A. At the same time I wrote the check.

Q. Before you delivered it to Glade? A. Before I delivered it.

Q. Who did you give that check to? A. Glade.

Q. What for? A. I suppose for the removal of the hay-stand; for expenses of the removal of the hay market there.

Q. What was the conversation between you and him on that subject? A. Mr. Glade came into my store and asked me if I had done anything in that case; in collecting money for that purpose.

Q. What purpose? A. For paying expenses for to remove the hay market. I told him I had. He asked me how much I could give him, and I gave him that check.

Q. Before that time, had you had any conversation with Glade? A. Yes.

Q. What was it? A. He asked me if I had seen any Aldermen about the removal of the hay market. I told him I had seen some of them. He asked if I could do anything.—I could collect anything. Yes, I told him, I was going to do it.

Q. State all the conversation? A. I never had any more conversations with Glade. I have seen Mr Glade, I don't know where it was exactly; he asked me if I had done anything about collecting that hay stand. I told him "Yes. I have seen some of the men." What did he say to that? I told him he said it was necessary to collect money, and he would have to make some money. So he asked me what I was going to do about it. I said I would go and collect it, and see what I could do about it. That was the first conversation.

Q. Was any amount stated in that conversation? A. No amount was stated in that conversation.

Q. When was the next conversation? A. The time when Glade came to me. He asked me how much money I had for that purpose.

Q. What purpose? A. For the expense of the removal of the market. I told him I had not have much collected. He asked me how much I did have. I told him I could give him $150. He asked me how much more I was going to collect. I told him I did not know.

Q. What did you do? A. I gave him the check.

Q. Where was the conversation? A. In my store, I think, I remember much.

Q. Did you see Glade after that? A. I have seen him several times since.

[Objected to as immaterial; sustained.

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PARIS.

The Gloom that Overspreads the City.

Weakness of President Thiers and of the Versailles Assembly.

The People in a Micawber-Like Attitude.

Apprehensions of Further Dangers from the Communists.

A Disheartening State of Irreligion.

Correspondence of The Chicago Tribune.

PARIS, Dec. 30.

To write to Chicago of the ruins of Paris seems much like recounting the story of petty losses to those who stand amid the wrecks of lost fortunes. Fearful as are the scars left by the vandalism and flame of the late carnival of Communism here, the work of ruin, as it appears to the casual observer, is not to be compared with that wrought by the fire-fiend in the Queen City of the West. Not the rain written upon blackened palaces and broken columns does not tell the full story of the desolation which has been wrought in this once gay Capital.

PARIS NOT PARIS.

Could Paris, to-day, exchange her ashes for the fate which befel Chicago (to whom, to her credit be it said, in the midst of her own bitter trial she has not forgot to rush out the hand of sympathy), the bells of her Cathedrals, from whose notes gladness has been so long banished, might well ring for joy. The tears of the exiled Empress over "Pauvre France," if shed in the thought of the trials in store for Paris, were not without reason, for to-day she rests under a gloom black as the charred ruins of her Imperial halls. "Paris is not Paris," was the remark made to me yesterday by a prominent American banker; and a few weeks' residence suffices to prove the truth of his remark. On the street, the abiding gloom, resultant from the late war, is met everywhere in the sable robes of mourning women; and at the hotels and places of business, and even upon the public works, labor is transformed to woman's hands, is a constant reminder of the change wrought by the mouths past.

THE VERSAILLES GOVERNMENT.

But of all the legacies of the war and the Commune, nothing carries with it so much of depression, or such promise of future trouble, as the existing state of affairs at Versailles. If "Paris is not Paris," it is next to the war and the Commune, because of the Versailles Government. Hopes were entertained that, with the convening of the present Assembly, the President would announce a policy conservative enough to pacify the Monarchists, without inflaming the Republicans, and decided enough to command the respect and support of both parties to control the Assembly. This would have given time for dispassionate argument, wise counsel, and popular discussion, pending which there would have been no bitter; and so a state of affairs might have been induced favorable to the reorganization of the Government upon a satisfactory, safe, and stable basis. Among such hopes seem to have inspired the business public, as has been evidenced by the rapid clearing away of ruins, the opening of closed stores, and the general resumption of business,—signs the highest in the encouragement to those who looked to the avenues of trade for the revenue with which to lift the weightier part of the burden of debt resting so heavily upon the country. The enactment of such details fail to assume proportions even in excess of former years, and in exports to and imports from the United States, as Consul General Read informs me, has materially done so. But this sudden activity cannot be taken as a sign of re-established confidence; it is rather the natural rush of business to resume its flow through natural channels, from which it has been not so much diverted as withheld. To a great extent, the hopes founded upon these signs of the times and the expected action of the President have been disappointed.

PRESIDENT THIERS.

President Thiers, with a weakness which is regarded as partly excusable because of his age, but as wholly disastrous to France, has announced no policy, and if he is to be judged by his vacillating manner, has none to announce. It is a sad fact that this French statesman, who so stands in the way of French people to-day, commanding respect for what he has been rather than for what he is. He is like the pendulum of a clock,—vibrating from "Right to Left," and "Left to Right," and to having no steadying hands to mark the time,—no tongue to tell the hours. This seeming,—I say "seeming," for behind this inaction some there appears to be a deep purpose in the mind of Thiers has left the Assembly without a leader, and thus far no statesman appears to fill the breach.

THE ASSEMBLY.

Nor do there seem to be many, in that strangely-constituted body, capable of rising to the exigency of the occasion. To the eye of a citizen of the United States, accustomed to look upon Legislative bodies as those of at least sufficient self-respect to preserve the order and decorum a part of the time, this Versailles Assembly, when any question comes up, presents a fire-proof tale analagous to "Black Friday" on Wall street, or a grand political caucus in which, somehow, both parties have come together and are attempting to have their day at the same time. That was the appearance of the Assembly as I saw it, during its late discussion of the Orleans question. It is yet strange that the correspondents of the press, whose letters from this side of the water seem to be based upon what he has seen in America, should say: "That there are no true Republicans in the Assembly; its members are composed mainly of Communists, Reds and Monarchists." This statement is an exaggeration, for the Assembly possesses much excellent Republican material, but it has its element of truth. True Republicans are rarer here than the sympathizing friends of the new Republic are accustomed to think, and there is the same want of competent Republicans in their ranks.

WAITING FOR SOMETHING TO TURN UP.

The present state of affairs may be summed up tersely in saying that the people blame the Assembly for bringing them into trouble; they blame the Republicans for helping them out of trouble; and, between the two, they place full confidence in neither Monarchists nor Republicans, and are waiting for something to turn up. In a state of uncertainty which will not long continue. In this unsettled condition of affairs, there is little inspiration for hope, and business droops. There is always, in some quarters, a slight reaction from the gloom which before the opening of the Assembly; and, unless something occurs to remove the wide-spread feeling of depression and uncertainty now prevalent, there is danger of a general stagnation in trade, behind which lurk new disasters.

THE PEOPLE NOT YET CONQUERED.

There is no class of the populace, in this and all the large cities of France, who would be so directly affected by such a state of affairs, as the class from whose ranks were so lately recruited the hordes of the Communists. This reasoning class of people are ill-provided with work. The Government does not furnish them employment upon works of improvement, as formerly; and the bitter contrasts which they send forth on all sides must be lightly regarded. That it is not regarded by the Government, is evidenced by the gathering of large bodies of troops in Paris, which are continually paraded on the streets, in squads and companies,—evidently, since it can be for no other purpose, to keep the Communist element in awe. It would take little to kindle the flame of a new insurrection. The Government is well aware of the fact that the "Reds" have not forgotten their defeat nor the slaughter of their comrades, and that they will whet the bloodhounds whose fangs yet drip with the gore of victims, the signal which shall send them forth to renew the carnival. The Government is half aware of this danger, by the timidity which prevents it return to Paris, and the people do not hesitate to confess their fear, and find with the Government on this account.

The *Journal des Debats*, a semi-official paper, meets these complaints with a remedy of article, in which it likens the action of the Government to a play in a theater, and depreciates fault-finding until the end of the piece, when it promises that "All will be right."

THE ONLY HOPE.

Meantime here are intelligent men here about that the only hope of averting disaster lies in the gaining of time. It is thought that time will bring to the front some man, or set of men, who will prove themselves equal to the emergency, and if a crisis can be averted until then, all will be well.

LACK OF INDEPENDENCE.

The truth is, the French people are like a family of children who have been contented while being pampered and cared for, until they have seemingly lost the ability to care for themselves. The paternal hand of Imperial authority has done all for them in the past, and now they must learn the lesson of independent thinking and doing, which, if not France, is a large part of it, has been the key of success and happiness. This is the secret of the present depression, is learning this lesson. It is far less than the usual gayety, and the looks of the citizens, everywhere, wear the shadings of the seriousness born of sober thought.

IRRELIGION.

Those who is accustomed to seeing that Sunday is paid to sacred days and sacred things which is one of the happiest features of our American life, the prevalent disregard for everything of the kind here is most disheartening. Nor is this state of affairs less disheartening to Christians at home. The devoted pastor of a French Protestant Church, whose name is well known in America, lately said to me, "I know of no hope for lasting peace in France save through the power of that Gospel which enables men to govern themselves. Men who cannot do this cannot govern a nation. The highest hope for the future is in the prevalence of that faith which makes every man a master unto himself."

There would be no stronger evidence of the truth of his earnest words than is found in the existing state of affairs; and the Christian people of America will surely respond to the hope which he expressed, and which his co-laborers everywhere would doubtless express in the same words, that the good people of America will pray for the triumph of Christian principles in this crisis in the history of France.

H. R. W.

THE CHICAGO RIOT.

Comments of the Press.

From the Cincinnati Gazette.

The Chicago papers of Tuesday are filled with highly-excited accounts of the mob that on Monday evening made an assault on the Common Council with the view of bringing about the defeat of the bill known as the fire-limits ordinance. From all accounts the mob conducted itself in an shameless and brutal manner, and there is no justification for the course adopted to influence the Council.

From the Peoria (Ill.) Review.

THE CHICAGO RIOTERS.

The Chicago rioters of Monday night are to be indicted. Instead of making a fuss about what kind of houses they shall build, these gentlemen should stand a good chance of living in fire-proof residences against their will.

From the Quincy (Ill.) Herald.

THE MOB IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, just emerging from the ashes of her great calamity, is having a severe struggle with the conflicting interests and discordant elements of its population. Between the advocates of a substantial fire-proof city, and those who prefer a collection of tinder-boxes to feel a second great conflagration, an exciting war is being waged. The Common Council favored the fire-proof style of structure and architecture, and were on the point of enacting an ordinance prohibiting the erection of frame buildings within certain limits, when a violent mob disturbed its proceedings, forcing the members to vacate in haste and disorder. The respectable press of the city is a unit in denouncing the riotous proceedings, and demanding the arrest and punishment of those who inspired and engineered it, from which it is fair to suppose responsibility is on the side of the Council and the fire-proof system.

From the Kendall County (Ill.) Record.

INCIPIENT RIOT.

Chicago was the scene of a disgraceful row on Monday night. It was a diminutive riot by a lot of irresponsible men in the name of respectable workingmen. The law should deal harshly with the leaders.

From the Rockford (Ill.) Gazette.

A CHICAGO MOB.

Such a high-handed outrage has seldom, if ever, occurred at any previous period in the history of this country. It reminds us of the howling Paris mob who invaded the Hall of the French Assembly during the revolutions of 1830 and 1830; and is fitly compared by the Chicago papers to the Communists mob that ruled Paris for a few months during the past year. We hope that such ruffianlike conduct will receive its proper rebuke from the respectable citizens of Chicago that such revolutionary attempt to overawe the law-making pow or may be crushed at their very inception; and that the very ordinance the mob desired to defeat will now be promptly passed and rigidly enforced. Chicago and Paris, and the United States is not France, and we trust that no Commune mob will ever be allowed to dictate laws to any Legislative Body in this country.

From the Galesburg (Ill.) Republican.

THE CHICAGO COMMUNISTS.

All the circumstances of the uprising of the mob only tend still more to disgrace Chicago, and show the necessity of a strict enforcement of the laws everywhere. The people generally sincerely wish that Phil. Sheridan, with a battalion of regulars and a battery of artillery, had been on hand to give him his summers what they so richly merited,—a few rounds of ball-cartridges and a few discharge of grape and canister.

From the Dubuque (Iowa) Telegraph.

FIRE LIMITS IN CHICAGO.

Chicago has had another sensation, this time a disgraceful one. Fire limits are much needed in that city. On Monday night last, some two thousand protestants against the fire-limits ordinance marched to the City Hall while the City Council was in session, in a most riotous and threatening manner, and demanded of the Council such fire-limits as this mob dictated. The Council Chamber was invaded, and its independence violated, so that there was not time given to adjourn in a formal manner. The procession was got up with considerable system, and it appeared to be organized for mischief. It marched with banners and flags, the flag of the Union, of course, being used for this as it is for almost every disgraceful occasion. Mine, too, sent an air of good appearance, and order for the time; but it accomplished nothing but to disgrace the city, and give it a bad name abroad.

From the Dubuque (Iowa) Times.

THE RIOT IN CHICAGO.

The great fire in Chicago aroused a determination among her citizens generally to insist upon fire-proof buildings. The universality of this determination from home. Nearly every foreman of a fire-engine house in the city and surrounding suburbs has received a letter from some one of the insurance companies, requesting him to report the number and style of her visitors. Proportionate divorces were immediately instituted by Mr. Mansfield, and a decree was readily obtained on the strength of the testimony submitted.

During this period, Helen Josephine, the partner of Paris's sverige, was the constant of her mother's dwelling, and though extremely young, was proved to be perfectly able to imitate her mother's behavior. Her conduct was described as unanimous, and she grew to be so thoroughly obnoxious in the neighborhood, that means were taken to have her dealt with by the police, but her stepfather saved her this ignominy by sending her from town. She was dispatched to a boarding-school in the country, from which she departed for California. Her subsequent career has been too recently rehearsed not to be familiar to the public.

IMPORTANT RAILROAD SUIT.

A Case Involving Millions of Dollars.

From the Cincinnati Gazette, Jan. 19.

An interesting railroad suit, involving millions of dollars, is now pending in the United States Supreme Court, having been taken up from the next year from the United States Circuit Court for the District of Indiana.

From a printed transcript of the record, recently filed at Washington, it appears that in the year 1836 Messrs. Samuel Hanna, David M. Marsh, Thompson Neave, and others, filed a bill in chancery against the Cincinnati & Chicago Air Line Railroad Company, setting forth that the Cincinnati, Wilmington & Cincinnati Railroad Company, of Indiana, issued mortgage bonds to the amount of $200,000, bearing interest at 6 per cent, payable in 1856 if the name was changed for that of the Cincinnati, Logansport & Chicago Railroad Company, and in 1854 for that of the Cincinnati & Chicago Air Line Railroad Company; that Cincinnati, Logansport & Chicago Railroad Company issued a second set of mortgage bonds, to the amount of $500,000, to raise money for the purpose of completing the Newcastle & Richmond Railroad to Logansport. In 1856 the Cincinnati & Chicago Railroad Company made a lease of the road extending from Richmond to Logansport, for five years, to John W. Wright & Co., the lessees, among other things, agreeing to keep down the interest on the mortgage bonds on the road. In 1858, due to the failure of the lessees, the Cincinnati, Logansport & Chicago Railroad Company issued another set of bonds, to the amount of $1,440,000, of which $600,000 were issued to the Cincinnati & Chicago Railroad Company. The last named company, in 1857, issued bonds, known as the second mortgage, to the amount of $1,000,000.

It is charged that after making the lease, before mentioned, a conspiracy was entered into between the holders of the second mortgage bonds for the purpose of getting possession of the road, and enabling the stockholders of the same. The means to be used were to let the road run down in credit, to pay no interest on the bonds as required by the lease, and to do other things prior to the provisions of the lease, whereby the mortgage bonds might be enforced against the road, and the same be sold and purchased in its behalf by some one of the conspirators. It is also charged that the plan of the conspiracy was induced by these parties for the fraudulent purpose, for a nominal sum compared with its first and real value. This fraudulent arrangement was carried out, and the road was ruined in credit, and the second mortgage became subject to foreclosure. Consequently, in 1863, one of the Trustees sued his bill of foreclosure for the foreclosure of the second trust mortgage, and final proceedings were had therein that in 1860 a decree was entered, ordering the sale of the road and all property and right covered by the mortgage, which was to be void upon the payment to a number of citizens of New York for the sum of $30,000, only $23 of which has ever been paid.

It is claimed that while said proceedings were pending, and before the rendition of the decree, the parties to the conspiracy, with the fraudulent intent of securing to themselves the ownership of the road, had a committee from the Wheeling shylocks under the pies of being a "femme covert." This I readily accepted, having endured all the humiliations of such a position for thirty years. I thought it all but that there was one advantage I would make the most of it. As by the old English law the husband and wife are one, and that one is the husband, my legal disabilities were shifted to the shoulders where they legitimately belong. Hereafter lyceum bureaus should make all engagements with the proprietor, railroad kings and weather clerks permitting. —*Letter in The Golden Era.*

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

MONETARY.

FRIDAY EVENING, Jan. 19.

Of the dozen or more plans and schemes now before Congress looking toward specie resumption, none have attracted so general attention or been so favorably denounced as impracticable as that of Mr. Freeman Clarke. A good many of the newspapers that have commented on this have assumed that the people do not want specie resumption, and that the evident late warmness exhibited on this subject in the last annual message of the President of the administration was a recognition of this fact, and a bid for popularity in the next Presidential election. The fact, however, that there are at least a dozen bills before Congressional Committees providing for a resumption of specie basis, shows that many people desire it, or else that their representatives have mistaken the wishes of their constituents.

Mr. Clarke's bill provides that after the first day of January next all contracts for the payment of money only shall be enforced, and found within itself cooperative power sufficient to carry it into effect. It also provides three other remedies. It is supposed to know something about finance. He left home early in the morning, seldom returned to dinner, and often stayed away until evening came on. His duties were thoroughly domestic. He loved the fireside, and rarely strayed from it unless to call on some neighbor or spend a few hours with his bachelor friends. Balls, operas and theatrical performances he wholly eschewed. It was the old story over again. Diversity of tastes led to the destruction of conjugal felicity. The pleasure-loving wife absented herself from home. Nearly every forenoon a carriage would draw up at the door, arrayed for street promenade, and if a wail of regret that her visits to the city were frequent and long, Mr. Mansfield's distrust of his wife was strengthened by the discovery of letters which indicated that a clandestine correspondence was being carried on between his matrimonial partner and her admirers. His domestic infelicities soon began to be commented upon by the neighbors, and finally reached the ears of the Trustees of the Home, which stirs the blood of every human man to boyle-call.

This charge had, and still has, an agency in Chicago, and is now paying its losses there as promptly as it pays its premiums. Up to date it has paid the "Home's" assets will exceed those of any other Insurance Company.

Furthermore, the Board of Directors has unanimously resolved to call upon the stockholders at the next annual meeting to increase the capital stock to restore its assets to nearly $5,000,000. After every Chicago claim is fully satisfied. Will this not furnish abundant evidence of the solvency of the "Home"? Is not that Company entitled to full confidence in the future? Will not the "Home" stand by the breach, and fully protect many sufferers in the Chicago calamity, instead of boosting it has no share in such losses?

All losses will be promptly paid, and policies issued as usual.

There is no shirking, no cowardice, no graft about this. It is manly, truthful, as clear as the sunlight, and as bold as the day. Let every one who has insured with the "Home" as he began with previous, as it is glorious in performance. So long as its stockholders and Directors are true to the principles of the Company it will not fail, will not, four to trust themselves to its protection.

LATER.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—Gold strong at 109½@109¾. Sterling from 8½ to 9 for carrying. Clearings, $17,500,000.

Governments quiet and firm.

State securities dull and declined suddenly on the report of the failure of a savings bank. The pressure so soil was great, and for a time prices seemed to be knocked to whatever so long as stocks were sold. The bumble of the day was Tennessee sixes, which went off 5 per cent, while the decline on the balance of the list was 1@2 per cent. The dealers in this class of securities say that the bank was not a corporation under the registry law of Indiana, under the name of the Cincinnati & Chicago Air Line Railroad Company, held all the property of the former road, and that it was sold to a prior mortgage made in 1859, and still continues to hold and operate said railroad, making large sums of money thereby. It is also averred that the Cincinnati & Chicago Air Line Railroad Company was consolidated with and took the name of the Chicago & Great Eastern Railway Company in furtherance of the scheme to defraud the stockholders of their road; that at the time of the sale of the road for $30,000 it was of the value of $4,000,000 subject to the first mortgage; and that the pretended decree was entered by fraud upon the court.

The stockholders and creditors being thus defrauded out of at least four millions of dollars, this suit has been instituted to have the fraudulent sale and decree set aside, and the stockholders of the former company reinvested back to their rights and ownership and possession of the road.

The defendant having demurred to the bill, on the ground of delay in bringing the suit, and that complainants are not entitled to any discovery from or relief against defendants, the demurrer was sustained and leave granted to amend. In order to secure a speedy and complete adjudication of the matter, the bill was amended so as to meet all the objections raised by the demurrer, and the case taken on appeal to the United States Supreme Court. The evidences of fraud in the whole transaction is so apparent that the parties prosecuting the suit, among whom are many of our wealthiest men, who hold a large amount of the bonds, have secured the services of Ex-Governor Morton, Senator Pratt and Judge Sample, of Indiana, all lawyers of acknowledged ability.

How Elizabeth Cady Stanton Escaped the Clutches of the Law.

The great event of my life occurred at Wheeling, Va. I shall always remember that glowing old town with gratitude, because there my individuality, through a married woman, was duly recognized for the first time. After my lecture on "The Coming Girl," with the dew of inspiration and prophecy still on my lips, a stately officer of the law served a writ on me for not fulfilling an engagement a year ago—damages $100. This was indeed a proud moment. Having demanded for near a quarter of a century the right to make a will and a contract, to sue and be sued, at last the mere name of my self-glorious recognition of my personality, on the sacred soil of Virginia, where, only a few short years ago, society was based on an aristocracy of color. Captain Rorbeck, Governor Stanton, of Ohio, volunteered their services to see that justice was secured me in the courts. As by the laws of Virginia a married woman cannot be sued, it was decided to shelter me from the Wheeling shylocks under the plea of being a "femme covert." This I readily accepted, having endured all the humiliations of such a position for thirty years. I thought it all but that there was one advantage I would make the most of it. As by the old English law the husband and wife are one, and that one is the husband, my legal disabilities were shifted to the shoulders where they legitimately belong. Hereafter lyceum bureaus should make all engagements with the proprietor, railroad kings and weather clerks permitting. —*Letter in The Golden Era.*

COMMERCIAL.

FRIDAY EVENING, Jan. 19.

The following were the receipts and shipments of flour, grain, and produce for the past twenty-four hours:

	Received.		Shipped.	
	1872.	1871.	1872.	1871.
Flour, brls	3,720	2,323	1,421	3,327
Wheat, bu	20,000	7,000	3,000	
Corn, bu	102,250	37,350	33,431	1,400
Oats, bu	26,800	4,990	13,000	2,031
Rye, bu	1,000	1,000	1,300	
Barley, bu	3,040	4,010	300	200
Grass seed, lbs	130,400	59,616	33,504	90,100
Broom corn, lbs	10,000	13,000	20,000	10,000
Dried meats, lbs	386,970	1,000,218	304	1,000,564
Beef, brls	29	100	22	100
Pork, brls	1,107	444	1,200	400
Lard, tierces	197,000	222,331	241,000	241,000
Tallow, lbs	34,500	1,500		24,723
Butter, lbs	48,033	16,845	39,830	20,499
Cheese, boxes	1,800	1,000	1,000	1,000
Live hogs, No	21,545	21,316	4,307	253
Cattle, No	2,980	2,146	918	253
Sheep, No	3,000	3,146		
Hides, lbs	154,195	99,000	156,720	111,000
Highwines, brls	227	176	171	163
Wool, lbs	139,500	15,000	49,000	24,000
Potatoes, bu			1,000	121
Lumber, m	895	71	430	141
Shingles, m	1,000	1,000	1,726	90
Salt, brls	260	125	1,500	1,121

Withdrawn yesterday for city consumption, 3,765 bu wheat; 500 bu corn; 2,125 bu oats; 617 bu rye; 417 bu barley.

The following grain has been in spected into store up to 10 o'clock this morning: 27 cars wheat, 125 cars corn; 6 cars oats; 2 cars rye; 4 cars barley. Total, 164 cars, or 60,000 bushels.

The leading produce markets were rather irregular to-day, provisions being firm, while breadstuffs were generally weak. The receipts were less liberal than the recent average, but the fact that there is already as much grain here as can be comfortably taken care of, while a large part of the wants is yet before us, operates very heavily in the matter of prices.

Highwines were firm, with a better inquiry. Sales were reported of 100 brls at 87c (yesterday's quotations), and 300 brls at the close at 88c.

Dressed hogs were in light supply, and a shade firmer, in sympathy with live, at $4.50@4.75 for city shipping lots, and 4c for extra, but closed easier at 4c, where the bulk of the sales were made. Packers were in demand for all grades of hogs, principally from shippers. Sales were 1,200 at $4.50@4.75.

Lake freights are in good demand, and firmer. No sail paid a schooner to-day to take corn to Buffalo. Owners generally ask 13½c for corn, but without vessels are loading with corn rates named.

Provisions were rather more active, with little change in the prices of the regular session over that of the previous day, and the market closed at last evening, when cash mess was offered at $14.25 per brl. The receipts of live hogs were less, only about 10,000 head being reported in up to 10 o'clock, while packers were also stated to be on the ground in greater force than usual. This brought 4@5c more for hogs, and from the short interest, many of whom seemed to think the top figure had been reached for the season, and as the arrivals continue large a decline seems imminent. There is still some inquiry for shipment lots and to Northern Michigan, but the demand is not to the extent of recent local wants. Wednesday no change in our quotations, as follows: On track—Timothy, market opened, $14.50@14.75; closed, no lots offered; mess pork, $14.50@14.75; prairie, nominal at $13@13.50. On wagon—Timothy, loose, $13.00@14.00; prairie, loose, $9.00@10.00; baled, $12.00@12.50; upwards of 2 tons, $1.00@2.00 additional per ton.

HIDES—There were buyers for all the offerings and sellers for further raises, the market may be quoted fairly active and firm at the subjoined quotations: Green salted cured, 11½c; green salted uncured, 10½c; part cured, 10½@11c; green frozen, 9½c; damaged hides, 9c; veal calf, 14c; green calf, 11c; dry salted, 15@16c; dry flint, 19@20c; deacons, 5c; dry salted, 20c; dry flint, 19@20c; deacons, 5c; sheep pelts, 40c; goat, 40c; colts, 40c; spavin, $2.00@2.10; neatsfoot oil, 90c@$1.00; bank oil, 80c; stags, 7c; tallow, 6c; refined oil, $1.40; turpentine, 77@78c.

PROVISIONS—The market was without important change. The offerings largely exceeded the demand, and the choicest were scarcely salable at 6@7c per bu. Common mixed lots were a drag at 75@80c.

POULTRY AND GAME—There was rather more doing to-day, without perceptible improvement in prices. Receipts and the supply were fair for all demands. Sales were reported at the annexed quotations: Chickens, dressed, per dozen, $1.75@2.00; live, per dozen, $1.50@1.75; turkeys, dressed, 12@13c; live, 10@11c; ducks, $3.50@4.50 per dozen; geese, $1.50@2.00; quail, $1.40@1.50 per dozen; rabbits, $1.25.

SALT—Is steady with a fair demand. We quote: Onondaga, fine, $2.10; Onondaga, fine, coarse, $1.90; coarse, $1.80; Diamond Crystal, per brl, $3.50; Ashton, $3.50; Higgins, $3.50.

SEEDS—Were in better demand to-day and firmer, at $3.60@3.65 for timothy, poor to prime; $4.15@4.75 for clover; and $2.60@2.65 for redtop. Hungarian was nominal at $1.60.

FLOUR—Was to sometime steadier, if fair, and prices remain firm and uniform. We quote: Young hyson, common to fair, 60@65c; good, 70@80c; choice to extra, $1.00@1.40; superior to fine old gunpowder, 90c@$1.00; common to good, 70@80c; good to choice do, 90c@$1.15; fine to good gunpowder, 90c@$1.00; choice to extra, $1.25@1.40; Oolong, common to fine, $1.00@1.10; fair to good do, 70@80c; colored natural leaf Japan, 60@70c; choice to fine Oolong, 90@$1.00; good, 70@80c; choice Japan

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VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE TAXATION.

Mr. Edward Atkinson has an article in the *Atlantic Monthly* for February, entitled "The Visible and the Invisible in Protection," in which he discusses, with accustomed clearness, the sweeping extent of taxes which, though invisible, are, of all others, the most oppressive and false to production and industry. This is a subject which can not be too deeply considered; an investigation of it is essential to a proper understanding of the theory of protection. It is, in fact, a trial of protection by its results. It is a very simple process to ascertain that, upon each one thousand dollars' worth of imported goods, the tax of 35 per cent amounts to five hundred dollars. If that were all of it, the inquiry would be brief and simple. Imports are of two classes, the first of which includes those articles which are of necessity mixed in the processes of domestic production, and the other those which are of voluntary use on the part of the consumer. Domestic productions, directly or indirectly, include as a part of the cost, some element of foreign origin, and taxation of this foreign element becomes, therefore, a tax on the cost of domestic production; and, though this tax may prove but a small part of the cost of the thing produced, it may prove disastrous in its relation to the profit upon the process of production. This is illustrated in the case of the manufacture of glass. Tax on soda ash bears but a small proportion to the cost of manufactured glass, but it so seriously affects the profit on the article that the producers are exposed to successful competition from foreign makers. An expectation of 10 per cent profit will attract capital; this profit may be reached either by an annual product equal to the capital, or by a product equal to ten times the capital. Thus the thing produced may afford an annual profit of 10 per cent, either by 10 per cent of the thing produced, or 1 per cent upon an increased aggregate of production. Hence, the proportion of the tax to the profit is of far more concern than is its proportion to the cost of the thing produced, and, where the percentage of profit is the least, the tax becomes more important. Mr. Atkinson happily illustrates this in the case of two machine-shops supplied by different railroads with coal and iron; capital, $30,000 each; the coal and iron costing each $20,000, and each paying $40,000 for wages. If each shop pay in addition $4,000 for transportation on coal and iron, the total cost of production of each shop will be $64,000, and its sale at $66,560 will give the owner 10 per cent cash profit on capital. If, however, one of these shops were exposed in charge for transportation to $6,000,—an increase of only 3 1-3 per cent of the product of the shop,—it equals 10 per cent of the capital and absorbs all the profits, resulting in closing the establishment.

The relative proportion of our imports and of domestic production and consumption is stated to be four of the former to sixty of the latter, or one to fifteen. These foreign articles enter, as does the cost of railroad transportation, into the cost of all domestic production. The tax on these articles is primarily 40, but finally 50, per cent. Like the increased cost of transportation in the case of the machine-shop, it has the same fatal effect upon profit, eventually forcing capital into other business.

The total value of the imports in 1871 was $520,000,000; but the comparative insignificance of this sum, compared with domestic production and consumption, is shown in the fact that it does not exceed the value of the milk, butter, and cheese consumed in the same year by the people of the United States. The value of these domestic products is stated by Mr. Flint, President of the Massachusetts Board of Agriculture, at $750,000,000, and by Mr. Willard, President of the New York Dairymen's Association, at $800,000,000. If these were a tax of 50 per cent imposed on all the milk, cheese and butter produced in the United States, the popular indignation would be justly excited; but that tax would not increase the general cost of subsistance more than it is increased by the like tax on the foreign imports. The tax on milk, butter, and cheese would be resisted, because every man would see that it was a tax on subsistence, and, therefore, that the cost of his production would be increased in the same proportion. If a shoemaker, he must increase the price of his manufacture, or go without milk or butter. That would be a visible tax. Yet, the same man is taxed precisely at the same rate on all articles entering as directly into the cost of his shoes, as coal, leather, thread, &c. Machinists pay no tax on milk, but they pay it on iron, steel, copper, and lead. Shipbuilders are exempt from a tax on milk, but they pay it on iron, lumber, cordage, and fuel. We now export nearly $9,000,000 worth of cheese annually. A tax of 50 per cent on milk would put a stop to that export by the increase of the cost of production. We have no taxed wood, varnish oil, paints, tools, and feel that the once thriving export of furniture has ceased. Taxation of imports is to cut off exports. The tax upon the comparatively small amount of foreign articles entering into American manufactures is equal, ordinarily, to 10 per cent on the capital invested in production, and hence is destructive of production, necessarily reduces wages, restricts consumption, and increases the cost of subsistence.

The fact that many articles now produced in this country can be purchased for a less sum of money than they could be purchased for 1860, before these taxes were imposed, is claimed by the friends of protection as a result of that taxation. But the truth is, that this reduction is the result of the progress of invention, and the improvements in the processes of production and distribution. The true test of the effect of protection is the comparison of the present prices in this country and those in other parts of the world. The question is not whether we can sell cheaper in 1871 than England could in 1860, but how do our prices compare with those of England at this time? While the rest of the world has been blessed with the progress of improved processes of production and distribution, we have, so far as the cost of production is concerned, stood still. This is shown in the case of steel and other productions which we do import notwithstanding the heavy tax on them. In such cases it is inevitable that the difference in the cost produced by the tax is added to the price paid for the whole supply, foreign and domestic. The countless industries in which steel is a raw material pay this tax, equal to 10 per cent of the profits on their capital, and yet they would resist the tax on milk and cheese.

This invisible tax, and not the visible and direct tax, being so much greater than the other, is the great burden upon the people. It is this which, independent of wages, increases the cost of production. It demands of the profits of production an amount which alone would be amply remunerative and sufficiently attractive to capital.

The New York *Sun* of the 17th contains some important statements relative to our relations with Spain, recently made by Minister Sickles. He expresses the opinion that Spain will make due apology to the Government of the United States, and will pay all the damages in the Florida case. He further gives it as his opinion that Spain would not go to war with the United States even if we should recognize the insurgents as belligerents, and thinks that they are entitled to recognition, both by the barbarity with which Spain has conducted the war, and the frequent assassination of prominent persons known to sympathize with the insurgents. In regard to the recall of Mr. Roberts, the Spanish Minister, he thinks that it is likely, as Mr. Roberts was one of the leaders who brought the present King into power, he has been recalled to take a position at Madrid. Minister Sickles evidently does not take much stock in Spanish braggadocio, and is certainly in a position to know whereof he speaks.

THE DEBATE ON CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

Thursday was a field-day in the Senate on the question of Civil Service reform. Mr. Carpenter being the central figure in the debate, which assumed all manner of shapes before it was ended, and succeeded, in several instances, in reversing the positions of the Administrationists and anti-Administrationists of that body. Mr. Carpenter was howled over several times by Mr. Trumbull, but succeeded, with his usual agility, in recovering his position, though a little the worse for wear each time. Mr. Sherman succeeded in tangling himself up as wonderfully as the Davenport Brothers, but was not as successful in unsnarling himself. Mr. Morton got mad. Mr. Schurz found opportunity to get in one or two heavy blows from the shoulder. Mr. Edmunds contented himself with the announcement that he would be in condition to reply to Mr. Carpenter on Monday; while Mr. Trumbull, who was evidently quite at home in this fight, swung a heavy club and hit a head whenever he saw one.

The debate carries its own comment with it. Mr. Carpenter had the set speech of the day, and talked over so great a space that he necessarily left himself uncovered at many points, and provoked rather damaging attacks. As the outset, the President came in for reproof, for having "levied" to the popular clamor in favor of the reform. Having sufficiently elaborated this point, Mr. Carpenter executed a neat somersault by explaining the Executive action to mean that there was no better way to defeat an obnoxious law than to thoroughly execute it. This brought Mr. Trumbull to his feet, as the defender of the President. He indignantly repelled the charge that the Chief Magistrate of the United States, under the authority given him to adopt rules and regulations for the reform of the Civil Service, would adopt such rules only to bring Civil Service reform into contempt. This point having been settled, Mr. Carpenter made a change of base and went off on competitive examination; but his venture in this direction was only one of pleasantry, and did not involve any argument sufficiently serious to require answer. Mr. Carpenter had been told that two persons had demanded appointments in insulting and disrespectful terms; that these two persons were high in the Legislative Department of the Government; and that, having had their applications refused on account of the unfitness of the candidates, who were relatives of the applicants, they were now high champions of Civil Service reform. To which Mr. Trumbull retorted that these were the very case, for the suppression of which the rules were established, and expressed an eagerness to get the names so that the machinery could be set to work at once.

Mr. Carpenter having closed, Mr. Trumbull got the floor, and planted himself squarely in defence of the President, especially with regard to his powers under the Constitution. He was ready to grant that the appointing power belonged to the President, but the great evil of the existing state of things was, that the Legislative Department of the Government had usurped this power and assumed to dictate appointments, and it was to correct this evil, and to restore to the President the appointing power, that Civil Service reform was instituted. In making this point, Mr. Trumbull jogged Mr. Carpenter's memory by asking him if he did not know that the power of appointing was controlled by Senators and Representatives in Congress, when it should be exercised by the Executive and Heads of Departments. Mr. Carpenter did not feel himself authorized to speak for any State but Wisconsin, and he couldn't remember anything of the kind in Wisconsin,—a remarkable instance, we think, of defective memory.

The debate was closed for the day with a question of fact, which, as neither party was competent to settle, amounted simply to a wrangle, in which Mr. Frelinghuysen made a feeble remark and feebly subsided. Mr. Sherman tripped himself up, and Mr. Morton lost his temper. The question turned upon the amount of revenue wasted in collection, which is suggested to be 25 per cent in the report of the Commissioners. Mr. Frelinghuysen did not think the President should be held responsible for the statements of the report, as he had not had time to examine them. In reply to which, Mr. Trumbull was anxious to know how the President had learned that the report embodied a policy long needed, if he had not examined it, and Mr. Trumbull once more took the field as the champion of the President against the special friends of the Executive. Mr. Sherman arose for information. Did not Mr. Trumbull know that the whole expense of collecting the revenue was less than 5 per cent? Mr. Trumbull referred him to the New York Custom House as an excellent place for computing revenue losses. Mr. Sherman had investigated it, and prepared a bill which would "entirely cure the abuses which have occurred in New York." Mr. Sherman quietly asked if he did not know that the losses occurring to the Government from the running in of cargoes without paying duty amounted to between $12,000,000 and $20,000,000 per annum. Mr. Sherman acknowledged that the great loss to our revenue arose from passengers arriving at New York bringing expensive goods in trunks, and that it amounted to $10,000,000 per annum, but it could not be avoided by any system yet devised; whereupon Mr Trumbull reminded him of his bill which was to correct all abuses at the New York Custom House. And this settled Mr. Sherman.

The above is a skeleton of the debate. It cannot be said that it either retarded or advanced the cause of Civil Service reform much. It was as much of a muddle as the condition of things at the bottom of the well to Stephen Blackpool. But it developed the fact that, when the Administration stands in need of genuine defence, such veterans as Mr. Trumbull have to come to the front and hold up the hands of the President. He may well congratulate himself upon the assistance of a man who has courage to rise and say to the time-servers and trimmers of all parties:

"Now I am free to say, and I will say it here and everywhere, if the Republican party has not virtue enough to be sustained without using the patronage of the Government to hold it together, it deserves to go down. No party deserves to be sustained that cannot sustain itself without using the patronage of the Government as a means to perpetuate its power. That is the very objection pointed out by this Civil Service Commission, that the patronage of the Government is being used for partisan purposes. Men take office for the purpose of electing certain other individuals to office, and engaging in the work of active interference with the freedom of election. It is an interference with the rights of the people, and no party ought to be sustained that cannot be sustained by the unbiased vote of the people, uninfluenced by party patronage.

This is truly a soul-stirring sentiment, and it will awaken a hearty and almost unanimous response from the people.

THE INTERNATIONALE.

The greatest bugbear of modern times is the International Society. Timid men have traced to its influence almost every calamity of the past year, from the Chicago fire to the storm in the Arctic Ocean. The mention of its name has served the same purpose in restraining timorous persons that the name of Rinebeard has accomplished with refractory children. There are plenty of people to-day who believe that the Internationale fired Chicago; that they committed the Communist atrocities in Paris; that they are in league against all the royal families in Europe for purposes of assassination; and that they are a secret power, working behind every throne for its overthrow, and undermining society to reduce the rich to the level of the poor and make property common,—all of which is pure stuff.

The International Society is a purely reformatory organization. It is not a creature engendered by the Commune troubles to carry out certain political dogmas, as most people imagine, but was founded, twenty-five or thirty years ago, by Dr. Carl Marx, in Germany, for the purpose of adjusting more equally the relations between labor and capital. The main idea which has hitherto held the society together has been, that labor should be organized as compactly as capital, and that, in order to secure to the producer his proper profit in the creation of wealth, the producer's condition must be improved mentally and physically. To this end it has banded workingmen into trades' unions, working together, each for itself, and all for the common benefit. It has favored mass education, the establishment of free schools, the general improvement of the condition of the poor, the building of better homes for the workingmen, and, in general, the bettering of their condition, so that they can act intelligently in establishing their relations with the capitalists. This has been the aim and substance of the design of the much-dreaded International Society. It has never been its purpose to interfere in matters of religion, science, or politics; and it would undoubtedly have been better for all concerned had it been so managed that its purpose could have been legitimately effected according to the idea of its founder. That question still lies at the very foundation of society, and is continually putting itself forward for adjustment as the most important question of the age. It is an ever-present obstacle in the way of an intelligent use of capital, and has for years disturbed the industrial condition of Europe, where labor is more poorly paid than with us, and where the condition of the laborer is degraded socially. It has sent its tatterdemalion to our shores by thousands, and has finally commenced to agitate our own system of labor to such an extent that the time is rapidly approaching when a more satisfactory relation must be established between labor and capital legislation. The first note of this movement is already sounded in the bill pending in Congress to appoint a Committee to investigate the condition of labor in this country, and to report in what manner it is affected by the laws.

In the process of growth of such a large institution as the International Society, it was inevitable that foreign elements of all sorts should attach themselves to it, and hinder the development of its legitimate purposes. Accordingly, we find that, during the past two or three years, the blatant demagogues of all sorts of pseudo-reform have hitched themselves to its skirts; and thus, while accomplishing nothing themselves, have interfered with the real progress of the society. Spiritualists of the craziest description; the free-love factionists of the female-suffragists; free religionists of the most absurd types; half-crazed scientific reformers; one-idea politicians; materialists, optimists and pessimists, whose only idea is to live upon society without cost; the restless scum which is brought to the surface only when there is a violent agitation; and all the riff-raff of society, have attached themselves to the movement, hoping to profit thereby, but having no sympathy with its objects. The procession which recently celebrated the mock obsequies of Rossel in New York was mainly composed of this sort of stuff. Scarcely one in that procession was a workingman, or had any sympathy with workingmen. The retort of *Sam Gyridge to Eccles*, in "Caste," fitly denominates these people. The redoubtable *Sam*, when on the eve of marriage to *Polly* and setting up in the gin-fitting business for himself, indignantly remarks, substantially, to his drunken prospective father-in-law: "You call yourself a workingman; aren't you ashamed! Look at me! I am a workingman, but I don't go 'owling about it," whereupon the disconfitted *Eccles* accepts a shilling from *Sam*, and is seized with the recollection that there is a man waiting outside to see him. The International Society was the worker; this riff-raff, the "owler."

With the admission of such elements into its membership, the Internationale has allowed itself to be diverted from its distinctive purpose, and has become a machine so cumbersome and involved that its existence is imperilled. The signs of its dissolution are already apparent in a serious collision between Carl Marx and Mr. Bradlaugh, an English agitator, who controls the International branch in that country. Bradlaugh is a violent Republican, whose one idea is to overthrow the Government and establish a Republic by availing himself of an emergency like the Regency of the Prince of Wales, which was recently agitated, and to using the International machinery solely for this purpose. Marx has strenuously objected to this, declaiming that the purpose of the society is not political, but simply to advance the interests of the working classes. A long correspondence has passed between them, resulting in an open rupture. When once a machine of this size and complication begins to break, its final ruin is not far off; so that the timid may once more take courage and dismiss the International bugbear. But the question which it was organized to settle still remains open, and calls as loudly as ever for settlement. It should be the duty of a wise legislator and comprehensive statesman to meet it fairly and frankly and settle it now, and towards this end the Commission provided for by Mr. Hoar's bill will take a long step.

For some days it has seemed as if the trial of Alderman Glade would prove interminable,—the counsel for the defence having employed every form of technicality and resorted to every device of dilatoriness. But, yesterday afternoon, the case was finally given to the jury; a verdict of "Guilty" was soon rendered; and Glade is now in jail awaiting sentence. Bribe-taking, it is to be imagined, will hardly prove popular among Chicago Aldermen, for some little time at least.

The high position as a social reformer which "Sesame and Lilies" gave Ruskin was sadly impaired by his later extravagant theorizings on Political Economy. He is now endeavoring to reduce one of the more moderate of his theories to practice. In the lake country,—the garden of England,—he has bought a small farm, which, managed on "strictly æsthetical principles," is to be a new Arcadia, and make the lives of the tillers of its soil one long dream of tranquil pleasure. At last as the profits of the humane speculation permit, more land is to be bought and æsthetically cultivated, and so on until, finally, in the course of centuries, all England is to be en-Ruskined, and the nineteenth century is to be happy. The scheme will doubtless be productive of good to some, if not to all. While Ruskin is thus spending time and money in his philanthropic endeavors to lift the lower classes from their degradation, the London *Times* publishes an appeal to the public for help in rebuilding Warwick Castle, lately partially destroyed by fire. Comments on this curious appeal vary widely. The *Derby Mercury* says:

"It will be for Lord Warwick to decide whether he will so far alter the character of his castle by allowing his countrymen to adorn with it the site of its restoration,—which they are willing to do, we make no doubt; or whether, in the event of this work being too much for a gentleman, he will be content to dwindle to the same south state as it now is." The question hinges so much on the private feelings of Lord Warwick that we must decline to offer any very decided opinion on the matter; but this at least may be said, that, if Warwick Castle be rebuilt by public subscription, Warwick Castle will henceforth hold an altered position in public estimation.

On the other hand, many journals support the scheme very heartily, and urge the public to cooperate in it promptly and generously. The London *Telegraph* is especially prominent in urging forward the matter, and to its editor-in-chief Mr. Hain has written this fiery burst of indignation:

SIR: I was astonished the other day by your article on taverns, but never yet was so much astonished by anything in your paper as by your article of this morning. I am a castle-lover; the truest sort. I do not suppose any man alive has felt anything like the sorrow or anger with which I have watched the modern destruction by railroad, all manufactures, helped by the wicked improvidence of our great families, of half the national memorials of England, either actually or in effect of power of association,—as Conway for instance, now effected by the railway at a ruined station. For Warwick Castle, I massed it in my letter to Lord Lyttelton, in "Lady Clare" almost as much of their ancestral treasures of this England of ours, known to me and beloved from childhood to this hour. But, sir, I am a poor man, never earning £400 a year, and I look for a boy of 17, one of eight people,—five married couples, a woman and her daughter, and this boy and his sister,—who all sleep together in one room, some 15 feet square, in the heart of London; and you call upon these to subscription while irreparable Warwick Castle. Sir, I am an old and thoroughbred Tory, and in such a case I say: "If a noble family cannot rebuild their own castle, in God's name let them live in the nearest ditch till they can." I am, sir, your faithful servant,

STANHOPE HALE, Dec. 30. J. RUSKIN.

The rather amusing correspondence between the humane Bergh and the funny Hall has culminated in a curious letter from the latter. It begins, of course, with a poor pun; but the Major at once recollects himself, and, after sadly remarking that "there cannot be punning" with such an antagonist, manages, in a note which occupies twenty-two lines of the New York *Herald*, to tell Bergh that he is "irascible," "illogical," full of "saturnine malice," "a serious nuisance," "a cog in the wool demagogue," a "coward," and thoroughly acquainted with the method of "making philanthropy pay." The "*tu-quoque*" style of argument would seem to be pretty well exhausted now; and it is to be hoped that the shafts which each is bringing against the other will either be investigated or suffered to drop. In this latter, Hall says: "The issue is not what I am, but what you are;" which, it is, fortunate for Hall. But, perhaps, the most noticeable sentence in the whole is the following: "You are illegal, because you blunder as I did last summer; you attempt to draw fire away from yourself by attacking the adversary." This frank admission that the author of "Humpty-Dumpty" did not make a brilliant success in his *rôle* of champion of religion, when he tried to turn the *Times* building into a church, is not without interest. He evidently realizes the fact that writing puerile burlesques and signing fraudulent vouchers is more properly his sphere.

Senator Pomeroy, who has somehow acquired the sobriquet of Setauket Pomeroy, is a virtuous, upright, incorruptible, and especially unstultifiable Senator, in whom there is no guile. He has admitted this himself, in a letter to his late colleague, Ross. The latter is now publishing a paper in Coffeyville, Kansas, and recently devoted a leader to showing up Mr. Pomeroy. We shall not attempt to enumerate the crimes and misdemeanors of which he accuses the illustrious champion of a thousand land grants. In one paragraph, however, Mr. Ross remarked of Mr. Pomeroy: "He has done work of some sort in Kansas, by no means from the topmost touch of these unclean ones. She has in the United States Senate to-day a man who, all past the years of middle life, was poor,—had developed none of those characteristics which mark successful commercial men,—had no personal fortunes. Eleven years ago, he went into the Senate, still comparatively poor. To-day he is reliably reported to be worth three millions of money. He has vast possessions of lands, bank stock, railroad stock, government bonds, State bonds, and county bonds. How did he get them?"

To which the surviving Senator replies that he will transfer all his "lands, bank stock, railroad stock, State bonds, and county bonds" to Ross or to anybody else who will pay him the sum of $75,000, and "assume and pay my legal obligations." This does not, however, quite answer the charge of his accuser; for if he have a few millions of dollars' worth of miscellaneous property, the "legal obligations" proceeds of his accommodating spirit as a Senator and an Indian Committee-man, his "legal obligations" would doubtless require him to hand back the most of this wealth, thus illegally acquired. Hence, Mr. Pomeroy would have his critics at a disadvantage in any such transaction. Especially would it go hard with the man who, as a speculation, should assume, in consideration of any numerable sum of money, the *moral* obligations of a subsidy Senator such as Pomeroy has the reputation of being.

"Has the reputation of being," we say; but this reputation must be a wrongful one, since, as we have said, the honorable Senator has stated, over his own name, that he is pure as the driven snow. About this matter, then, there can be no further question.

The Free-Library movement, which started so auspiciously, is, we fear, crushed in the bud, after all. The press of "the Great and Teeming Metropolis of the Northwest" (which is what the Milwaukee papers call Milwaukee) is busily engaged in "exposing" the crafty trickery of Chicago in this matter. The gist of the exposé is as follows: Chicago never had a Public Library; it got Great Britain had known this, she would have acted on the Biblical theory, and so would never have sent us any books whatever; Chicago, aware of this fact, has been intimating that a certain "sham and moribund collateral collection" (whatever that may be) was a great Free Library, and has thus secured material aid. It is unkind to strike a fallen city in this way. But then Milwaukee is badly in need of a Library of some sort, herself, and the crapes are very sour. The facts of the case are, that the leader of the generous movement in Great Britain is Mr. Thomas Hughes, who was in Chicago less than two years ago, and made himself thoroughly acquainted with the status of the Libraries of the city; and it was with a full knowledge of the facts in the case, and without the slightest solicitation from interested parties, that Mr. Hughes began the good work. Meanwhile, Chicago, crushed by disaster, has, in two weeks, done infinitely more in her own behalf, in this matter, than Milwaukee, which profited by that disaster, has done for herself in the year or more which has passed since she "voted" to have a good Library. Great Britain has aided those who aid themselves.

Alarmists are raising the cry that the feverish activity of speculation in France during the inflation of the South-Sea Bubble is paralleled by the present rage for investments in England. To be sure, as yet no company has been formed and sold its stock without revealing its object or even its officers; but, in all other respects, London is said to fairly equal Paris in 1719. In last November, a new company, with an aggregate nominal capital of nearly $40,000,000, were registered. The increase of new companies in 1871 over 1870 is said to be nearly 166. Twenty-four of the 68 incorporations of November were for mining schemes. Prominent among these was the Emma Silver Mine concern, the stock of which, judiciously engineered by a United States Ambassador, went to a premium of 100 per cent. The figures certainly seem to show an unhealthy state of things; but, if the crash comes, it can scarcely begin to rival the bursting of the South-Sea Bubble. That was the result of bad financiering and bad legislation together, and its terrible *finale* will probably never be repeated.

ARIZONA as we are to set Mrs. O'Leary's dow right upon the record, and to allow her friends every possible opportunity to exculpate her from the grave charge with which her name has been associated, from China to Peru, we give place to the following letter recently received by the Mayor of Chicago:

SAN FRANCISCO, December 27, 1871.—MR. MEDILL: It was me that set Mrs. Leary's barn on fire and my old man gave me 810 for doing it I sut the Hay on fire and then Run to Mrs. Leary's and I met a man I had never seen me if he had it would have been the last of him. I told Mrs. Leary to go to the barn. I will give Mrs. Leary no carelessness in setting her barn on fire with a lamp, and am sorry that so much harm was done but I don't care I like fun and I'll make a big noise Direct to me and you some of the particulars but now I have no time.

We have merely to remark to the mysterious "N." that if, for the purpose of joining in the demonstrations in opposition to "Fire Limits," or for any other reason, he should have occasion to visit Chicago, he would be warmly welcomed by the photograph-peddlers, if not by the police.

A melancholy person in Detroit has been delivering a gloomy diatribe on the "Retrogression of the Nineteenth Century." The three chief reasons for his belief in such an unfortunate state of things seem to be as follows: Catholic Scotland, in the thirteenth century, lived on fine wheat. While Protestant England, in the nineteenth century, subsists on oats; John Stuart Mill said Marcus Aurelius was a better Christian than any Christian sovereign who has reigned since; after any poor peasant had been half an hour in Heaven, he would know more than Darwin. The logical conclusion of one of these startling facts (we are not quite sure which) was, that mankind is divided into two classes: those who are hanged, and those who ought to be. This remarkable lecture closed with a "denunciation" of Huxley, Tyndall, Darwin, *et al.*, and the statement that the panacea for all these woes was to be found only in the bosom of the one infallible Catholic Church.

Senator Morton could not, of course, allow an opportunity to say a word for his model Civil Service to go by unimproved. Accordingly, he rose on Thursday for the purpose of observing that all that has been said about Civil Service reform for the past two years—meaning, we suppose, all that has been said in opposition to the office-peddling monopoly of Senators—is "mere froth and suds." By which expression the Hoosier Jupiter intended to be very severe upon the reformers; for "suds" are made of soap and water, and soap and water must be of all substances most unacceptable to those who are interested in keeping Governmental administration so foul as ours has been proved to be, in many quarters, under the Mortonian system.

Senator Carpenter remarks that "In politics words are things," and lays great stress upon the value of a good catchword. It is this consideration, we suppose, that led the Senator to attempt to raise a great hue-and-cry by calling President Grant, Mr. Curtis, General Dix, and others who favor Civil Service reform "down-town school masters." He made a special speech several days in anticipation of his *magnum opus* on the question, for the obvious purpose of ringing in the catchword "schoolmaster." The same slogan was echoed by Butler in the House the next day; so we may conclude that "Down with the schoolmasters!" will be the rallying-cry of the anti-Reformers. Parson Nasby is already committed to the opposition.

THE NORTHWEST.

ILLINOIS.

The Galesburg *Register* says nine tons of bullion silver, in bars, en route from San Francisco to the Philadelphia Mint, were transferred at that station on Tuesday. It exceeded $5,000,000 in value, and filled a baggage car.

—It appears that the Cairo commission merchants are having their hands full. Grain has been pouring into that city in such quantities as to blockade all the side-tracks there, and at other neighboring stations. In consequence of this, the Illinois Central has issued orders to its agents to its agents to discontinue shipments to Cairo until further orders.

—Elder John B. Corwine, pastor of the Christian Church at Illiopolis, is about to remove to Girard, Macoupin County, to take the pastorate of the Christian Church at that place.

—The ladies of Biggsville have been holding prayer-meetings in the saloons of that village.

—In De Kalb County, the Treasurer's salary is placed at $2,000, with fees for clerk hire, $100 for stationery, and fees for real estate lights.

—The printers of Donahue have erected over the grave of Larry Cook, the noted tramp-printer, who died in that city a year or two since, a neat tombstone with an appropriate epitaph.

IOWA.

Dubuque has perfected telegraphic communication with Clayton and McGregor.

—Miss Ella Noe, of Oskaloosa, is carving for herself a marble reputation in her father's establishment.

—The Scott County Monument Association have finally decided upon a design offered by Cassus A. Iaola, of New York, which will cost $10,000.

—It is reliably stated that rich deposits of coal have been discovered recently in Harrison County.

—Twenty tons of iron will be used in the construction of the new jail at Alder, Dallas County.

—Five female compositors on the Dubuque daily are said to be as fast as any of their male companions.

—The Davenport *Gazette* says:

The character of the work on such a bridge as the one being constructed over the Mississippi River at this point renders employment in it peculiarly hazardous. Many of the carpenters and iron men employed on this bridge have been employed in the Railroad Bridge Company for years, and a good portion of them bear evidence of injuries received in some of these bridges. Patrick Jewett, who fell a distance of twenty-seven feet, landing on the ice, last Friday, was one of the old hands, and had learned to laugh at danger. Yesterday afternoon a lamentable accident occurred to a new hand in the man named Peter. He was employed on the front work of span three. The wind was almost a gale on land, and out in the river the storm was probably equal to the force of a small hurricane. Peter had been hauling at a rope, and, as he got it in, he slipped on the ice from the windward timbers on which he stood, and down he went, striking solidly on the ice. The distance he fell was over forty feet, and he struck almost down to him, picked him up, and conveyed him to his home. Just above the ice he struck the timbers, and Grand Island will be sorry to find the back of one of his high bones fractured. The bone under his chin was also broken, and upon the whole he got off lightly at the side of the head, which must have been grazed as the cars, and a bruise on the body badly bruised, but it is a very sad stroke for the poor man, as he has a family dependent upon him for support. Brown fell a greater distance by several feet, but did not receive so severe injuries, by a good deal, as the unfortunate Peter. In fact, he walked to his place of residence to have his injury attended to.

—Iowa has had two first-class weddings on Tuesday,—those of Dr. Edward Kilbourne, of Elgin, Ill., to Miss Lou. Kilbourne, and of Col. W. McElroy to Miss Mary Bailey.

—Grass around Oskaloosa this fact that Clinton has forty-five saloons.

—Otter Creek, Jackson County, has a new bell that can be heard six miles.

—Davenport boasts of a one-story frame house which is fifty-two years old, having been built in 1820.

—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Union Agricultural and Stock Association, in Keokuk, it was decided to hold its annual fair the week preceding the State Fair, beginning Sept. 3 and continuing five days.

—The Marshalltown *Times* is agitated over an inexplicable mystery. Every night a man and woman stalk through the streets, upon each occasion being followed by several men, and on each night the man turns and points a pistol at his followers.

—Among recent deaths in Iowa, are those of George Davis, of Oskaloosa, Charles S. Spafford, of Davenport, and Marcus Blair, of Dubuque.

—Martin H. Smith, Representative from the State Legislature from Dubuque County, died on Tuesday, aged 36 years. His disease was nervous fever, superinduced by severe freezing of both his hands a few weeks ago.

—It is a rather remarkable feature of Clinton, composed as it is, chiefly of an American-born and New England population, that no town-clock has yet been erected within the city limits.

—The Hon. Elijahlet Price, the pioneer of Clayton county, has called a meeting of the Pioneers and Old Settlers—pioneers meaning those thirty years and upward in the county, and old Settlers twenty-five years—to meet at Elkader on the 15th of February. The banquet will consist of roasted coon and corn bread, (and may be some other eatables.)

—Governor Carpenter solicited Captain Wm. H. Fleming for his Private Secretary, and has now commissioned him as Military Secretary.

—A few nights ago, a man and wife, near Sioux City, hearing the ominous alarm of a rattlesnake near them, got up and found it coiled up in their bed.

—The Albany Flouring Mills, at Albany, opposite Camanche, were destroyed by fire at noon on Tuesday. They were being operated under a lease by Mr. Frank Lucas, of Rock Island. Scarcely anything was saved. The loss is about $6,000, with no insurance.

—Last Saturday night, two young chaps in Waterloo sought to play a practical joke upon a companion, for which purpose they blackened their faces and entered his room at a late hour. They received a sound thrashing from their intended victim, were completely routed, and one of them has not been seen in town since the affair.

WISCONSIN.

It is said that the public schools in Watertown will close for want of fund for their support.

—The Black River Falls *Banner* notes the accidental shooting of C. F. Oswold, whose home is at Westfield, Pope County, Minn. The young man was badly wounded, but the physician thinks he will recover. The accident was occasioned by setting guns in the woods for deer. The persons who had set the guns, and in the darkness ran upon one of them.

INDIANA.

The stock yards at Fort Wayne comprise twenty acres. During the year 1871, 870 car loads of cattle, 609 car loads of hogs, 208 car loads of sheep, and 121 car loads of horses were transferred from the Toledo to the Pittsburgh Road. The total number of head of stock reached 94,230 during this period.

MICHIGAN.

Captain E. B. Ward, of Detroit, has purchased the Young Men's Hall, located in the Biddle House of that city, and has in contemplation some radical improvements, including a free reading-room, well warmed and lighted.

—In the township of Greenfield, near Detroit, on Sunday last, the barn of Frederick Fredericks burned to the ground, its owner perishing in the flames. He was 60 years of age, and had been intoxicated for several hours.

—A newspaper printed at Jackson, Jackson County, says: "The Jackson Association, of Jackson, Jackson County, celebrated Jackson's great New Orleans victory, at Jackson, in a highly Jacksonian manner."

MINNESOTA.

Samuel Nettleton, of Minneapolis, was, on Saturday last, taken to the Insane Asylum at St. Peter. Dr. Hutchinson, who conveyed him thither, states that he was very troublesome and hard to manage during the entire trip, and upon his arrival at the hospital he was at once placed in restraint, but in such a manner that it was impossible for him to injure himself. He continued to rave until about 4 o'clock, when he suddenly became very quiet, and the physician in charge, who was setting up with him, approached the place of his confinement, and found him calm, and to all appearances perfectly sane. He inquired of the physician where he was, and being informed, said it was all right. He was then released from confinement, and Dr. Hutchinson and his other friends immediately sent for. They arrived just before 12 o'clock, and he recognized them, stating that he knew that he had been out of his senses, but that the last struggle was past, and that he should die soon. A little past midnight he sank into a state of insensibility, and notwithstanding every effort on the part of the physicians to restore him to consciousness, continued in that state until about 9 o'clock Sunday morning, when he quietly breathed his last.

—There have been received at the Rochester elevator, 231,599 bushels of wheat; 5,500 barrels of flour, equal to 27,500 bushels of wheat; and 78,635 bushels of barley, during the five months ending Dec. 31.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. Van Anden, of Mantorville, celebrated their silver wedding on Monday evening, the 8th.

Recent Deaths.

Isaac Rich died at Boston, Jan. 13, aged 71 years. He had accumulated a fortune of $1,500,000 in the fish business.

—William Kelly, of Rhinebeck, N. Y., died at Torquay, England, Jan. 14. He was a State Senator in 1856-7; in 1860, was the Democratic candidate for Governor of New York; being defeated by Mr. Morgan; and was for several years President of the State Agricultural Society.

—Captain and Brevet Major Thomas C. Bradford, United States Army, died at West Point, N. Y., Jan. 12, aged 54 years.

—General Julius C. Webber, Mayor of Vicksburg, Miss., died on the 13th inst. He was Colonel of an Illinois regiment during the rebellion.

—Lady Edith Christian Ferguson, wife of Sir James Ferguson, Governor of South Australia, died recently. She was second daughter of the Marquis of Dalhousie, who administered the British Government of India from 1847 to 1855.

—W. G. W. Gano, of Cincinnati, died last Sunday, aged 73 years. He was Cashier of the Lafayette Bank from 1834 to 1864.

—The Right Reverend John McGill, Catholic Bishop of Richmond, Va., died on the 14th inst., aged 61 years. He was consecrated Bishop in 1850. He was the author of "Faith Our Victory" and "The True Church."

—The Hon. James Hanna, formerly State Senator and Supreme Judge of Indiana, died on Monday at his residence near Curryeville.

—Guy Beck, of Buffalo Grove Township, Fayette County, Ill., died Dec. 13, aged 78 years. Mr. Beck was the oldest living settler in the county. He came to the State in 1808, and settled in Fayette County in 1818.

—The Hartford *Courant*, announcing that the jewels of Mlle. Jeanaschek are on exhibition in a jeweller's window in that city, says the number of gazers on Saturday was legion, a few of whom expressed a desire to own the lot for personal adornment, a considerable number thought they would be nice to possess and trade off for something to buy groceries and pay rent with, and there were some, who looked into the window, who wouldn't take the whole collection as a gift. The latter, it should be said, were in a majority, as in Hartford, who are living on oatmeal in the country, and don't have any desire for the luxuries of life.

POWELL.

Progress of the Colorado Exploring Expedition.

Cataract Canon—The Fountain of Youth—Down the Rapids.

A Tableau—Thunder-Storm—Mile Crag Bend—Narrow Canon—Dirty Devil River—Mound Canon.

Ruins—Perils of the Portage—Meeting the P

...N COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE.

...ith Report for 1871.

...e Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

...y: In the usual series of reports issued ... the convening of each session of Congress we ... ...ually look for a summary of facts, together ... a ...abulated statement of attained results, ... of important suggestions pertaining to the ... ...us Departments of the General Government. ... this view I have taken up the Report of the ... ...ly appointed Commissioner of Agriculture, ... Hon. F. Watts, of Pennsylvania, in the expec... ...tion of acquiring some valuable information on ... important subject of American Agriculture, in ... ...ts intimate connection with the facilities ... ...ld by the recently commenced work of the ... ...ent of Agriculture.

...ny that I was *startled* at the result of ... ...examination during the italicised word con... ...tly applied in the opening passage of the ... ...ich would but faintly convey the astonish... ...ressed to my mind by a perusal of this re... ...able document.

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...ing the operations of the different di... ...s, we see no allusion made to the Botanical, ...ference to the National Herbarium in... ...ested by the late Wilkes Exploring Ex... ...on. The reason for this omission is proba... ...to be found in the fact that the botanist of ... ...Department was not to be favored with ... ...ortunities for the procurement of the ... ...ens, under circumstances that have ... ...the Department from the sympathy and ... ...operation of all the botanists of the ... ...try, and have hitherto prevented any com... ...ent, respectable botanist from accepting the ... ...ce which the position offers.

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HOW WAS HE WOUNDED?

A Man Claims to Have Been Shot in a Gambling House.

The Knights of the Chip Say He Discharged the Pistol Himself.

About half-past 10 o'clock last evening a gentleman called at the Madison Street Police Station, and stated that a friend of his, J. W. Worth who boards at No. 209 West Monroe street, had been shot in a gambling house and dangerously wounded. This was all he knew, beyond the fact that the "faro bank" was said to be located at No. 72 West Randolph street. A policeman was at once sent to the residence of Worth, with instructions to learn everything possible about the shooting, and get a description of the parties concerned in the affray. The first knowledge any one had of Worth's being wounded was obtained by his wife. She had been to church, and on reaching home, found her husband lying in bed, his face covered with blood. She asked him what was the matter, but he was very weak, and his answers were disconnected and almost inaudible. She learned, after considerable questioning, that he had been in a gambling saloon, and after losing considerable had been shot by the dealer. He was confused when asked for the location of the house, saying he thought it was in Randolph street. This information was imparted to the gentleman mentioned, with a request that he report the case to the police authorities, and have the matter inquired into. As soon as Worth's wife found that there were several gashes in his head, and learned that there were two bullets in his body, she sent a servant for a physician. Dr. Bridges and another doctor soon arrived, and examined the wounds. There are three long and deep gashes in the scalp, and a bullet hole in each hip. The patient was placed under the influence of morphine, and an effort made to find the bullets. The probes, however, failed to discover their whereabouts. Both the physicians consider the condition of Worth critical. As he was not able to converse about the shooting, his statement in regard to the cause of it, could not be obtained.

An officer was also detailed to visit the gambling saloon, and capture the fellow who had fired the pistol. No. 72 Randolph street is a one-story building, occupied by a wheelright, there being no room on the ground floor for Knights of the Chips. The policeman thought that the house of Al. Smith and John Bowling, No. 70 West Madison street, must be the place, and thither he went. The door was locked, but upon inquiry, he learned that this was the establishment in which the affair had occurred. The officer knocked at the door stated that he was standing on the sidewalk talking to one of the proprietors of the gambling-house about half-past 9 o'clock, when a man came tumbling head over heels down the stairs, landing in the rear of the building. He was followed by a man who stated that there had been a rumpus in the rooms, and asked the proprietor what it amounted to. The latter said that a fellow (pointing to the man) had prostrate individual drew a pistol up stairs, with the intention of shooting some one, and shot himself." The man remained on the sidewalk but a moment or two, getting up and walking off toward Jefferson street. Several persons, who were playing faro at home, notwithstanding his wounds, and got into bed without assistance.

Several persons who were in the saloon at the time the shooting took place stated that Worth won about $120, and some one commenced "kidding" him. He was under the influence of liquor, and drew a revolver, as they supposed with the intention of shooting one of those playing; but it was not discharged. Before he left the room he did not think the ball struck him, as he said nothing. Two or three of the gamblers got up and, the door having been opened, showed him into the hall at the head of the stairs. Directly after the door was closed, they heard the report of a pistol, and upon opening it again, Worth said, "I am shot," and attempted to re-enter the room. One of the gamblers shoved him back, and as he still had the pistol in his hand, the latter fell down the stairs, striking him on the head with a chair. Worth staggered, and fell down the flight of steps, landing on the sidewalk as stated.

The police were "investigating" the case up to an early hour this morning, but had been unable to form a conclusion as to how or by whom Worth was shot. They couldn't find any one who was in the place at the time, and consequently did not arrest anyone. They say there is still something definite, and unravel the "mysterious affray."

RAILROADS.

The grading of the St. Joseph & Denver Road is completed, ready for the iron, to the 160th milepost west of Atwood.

—Eighty miles added to the railroad system of the country in 1871, was 6,082 miles. This gives us 60,332 miles on Jan. 1,—an increase of 13 per cent for the year.

—Charlie A. Tinker, for many years Manager of the Western Union Telegraph office at Washington, D. C., has accepted the position of Train-Despatcher of the Vermont Central Railroad.

—The Ottawa (Ont.) *Times* prophesies the early building of the Montreal & Ottawa Junction Railway. The survey has been made, and there have been found to be no engineering difficulties to contend with.

—The Rio Grande Railroad, from Point Isabel, Tex., at the mouth of the river, up to Brownsville, a distance of of about twenty-five miles, is nearly completed.

—The Pennsylvania Railroad combination is negotiating for a large amount of real estate at Harlem, near Kansas City, Mo., for shops and yards for the North Missouri Railroad.

—This week two corps of engineers will take the field for the purpose of locating the Virginia & Kentucky Road. One will begin at Bristol. The other will proceed to Cumberland Gap and locate the tunnel through there. This tunnel will be 4,500 feet in length, and work on it will be commenced at once, in four different places. From the points where the engineers will return to Clinch River—thirty-five miles from Bristol—and proceed with locating the line until they meet the party from Bristol. The section from Bristol to Clinch River will be let early in the spring.

—Of the Warren & Venango Railroad project, the Warren (Pa.) *Mail* says: "This road, which, when finished, is to give Titusville another outlet to the lakes, and to which the people of Titusville pushed with all the vigor that means can command, by Messrs Smith & Newton, with Commodore Vanderbilt for a backer. Three surveying parties are now at work, and at least 500 men are engaged in grading the track, and this number will be increased as fast as the engineers can prepare the line. The expense will be within $2,000,000, while the Oil Creek Road is compelled to pay 7 per cent interest on bonds and stock amounting to $11,000,000. The maximum grade ascending north will be 30 feet, enabling the Dunkirk, Warren & Pittsburgh Railroad to haul over the Warren & Venango Railroad thirty oil cars with the same power that the Oil Creek Road can haul ten cars to Corry."

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Mary A. Frocst, of Kansas City, recently deceased, provided for the erection of an orphan asylum and an opera house—the latter to cost not less than $100,000,—and left building lots to two former slaves.

—Among recent deaths of prominent persons are those of the Rev. H. P. Bogue, of Buffalo, N. Y.; John Gould, of Cleveland, O; the Rev. J. R. Clark, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Alexander Lorman, of Baltimore.

—The (Council Bluffs *Nonpareil*, of Jan. 17, gravely announces: "Died: In Chicago, very suddenly, on Monday, Mrs. George Wood, known to histrionic fame as Eliza Logan. She was the wife of Wood, the noted Chicago Museum manager, and sister of the fair Olive."

—Catherine Scully, a well-known lady in Dubuque, died on Sunday last. She was known among the lawyers and in the courts as the "woman in black"—habiliments which she wore since the death of her brother some few years ago. She was continuously in litigation of some kind, to defend her property from "sharks," as she termed the lawyers and courts.

—Colonel Stone, of Marietta, O., one of the first settlers of that State, occupied a seat on the bench beside Judge Ewing, in the United States Court at Cincinnati, on Tuesday. At the time of his settlement in the State, he and his brother are said to have been the only white men living on the river between Wheeling, Va., and Vincennes, Ind. His second wife, now living, is a granddaughter of General Israel Putnam, of Revolutionary fame.

—A suit has been brought against the Rev. Dr. Scudder, of Hartford, by W. E. Clark. The latter brings suit to recover a building on the Methodist camp ground in Martha's Vineyard. Dr. Scudder holds a deed of the property under the Methodist association, which Mr. Clark paid for. It cost about $600. Dr. Scudder claims that Mr. Clark presented him with the money. The building stands on leased land, and Mr. Clark cannot sue for the fee or title, and he brings his claims for the amount of the rent.

—The Brooklyn *Eagle* says: "Mr. Theophilus C. Callicot, formerly of this city and now editor of the Albany *Times*, was the recipient of a testimonial on the 9th inst., from leading citizens of Albany, of which the papers of the city give reports, showing it to have been participated in by Mayor Thatcher, ex-State Senator H. R. Pierson, formerly of Brooklyn, ex-State Senator Banks, Mr. Amos Pillsbury, the celebrated Penitentiary Governor, and many others of the best known people in Albany. The testimonial, consisted of a service of silver plate, and was tendered 'as a token of the esteem in which Mr. Callicot is held by the people of Albany.'"

—The Huntingdon (Tenn.) *Republican* says that William B. Shaver, who resides in that vicinity, is perhaps the largest man in Tennessee. He is now 60 years of age, and has resided in Carroll County since his boyhood. For his age and size he is sprightly and active. His health his robust and his intellect vigorous. According to accurate measurements, taken a few days since, he measures around the wrist eight and one-half inches; around the arm eighteen inches; around the calf of the leg nineteen inches; around the knee about twenty-three inches; around the thigh, twelve inches above the knee, thirty-three inches; around the chest five feet, and around the waist six feet. His height is six feet five and one-half inches.

—The real business belonging to Mrs. J. N. Colins, of Louisville,—who is now helpless from retracted illness,—is conducted with rare business tact by his youngest daughter, Emma, of whom the *Commercial* says: "Of course she will realize more from this occupation than from any other in which she could be engaged. The coal dealers of this city have been very kind to this worthy lady, aiding her in her undertaking in every honorable way. A short time ago the lady, to raise money, had a fold watch belonging to her family put up at public auction, the chances on which were taken principally by coal dealers. Mr. Isaac Cromie and Mr. S. W. Clard, each three forty-two; they decided the matter by presenting the watch to the lady, who had found it necessary to thus dispose of it."

—Mark Twain and Olive Logan Sykes have this week been lovering in the vicinity of Pittsburgh. The former has been unfortunate in missing railroad connections, and was on Monday forwarded by a railroad official, on a special engine, from Lock Haven to Tyrone. The Pittsburgh *Commercial* says that from the fact that Mrs. Eliza Logan Wood, the sister of Mrs. Olive Logan Sykes, was lying a corpse in New York city, it was not the general expectation that "Miss Olive Logan" would appear upon the stage at Library Hall last night, and discourse on "Nice Young Men." The lady did, however, to a fair audience. The lecturess tripped on the stage with as pretty a smile as one would want to see, and taking her position behind the desk, proceeded to dilate upon her subject.

—A story of James H. Beard, the artist, illustrating his quickness of repartee, is located at the old Broadway House, in Cincinnati, where the better class of gentlemen were wont to congregate. It seems that upon one occasion the Broadway was visited by a party of young bucks from Louisville who had inherited the traditional dislike of Cincinnati and her customs. As a large party of Cincinnati gentlemen were seated in the saloon engaged in conversation, one of the Louisville visitors attracted everybody's attention by vociferating to his friends, "Come, gentlemen, let's have a Cincinnati treat." Thereupon each member stepped up to the bar, and calling for a drink, paid each his own score, and then laughed merrily at the supposed insult they had conveyed. Beard saw their intent, and turning to his companions, said, "Come, boys, let's have a Louisville treat." They obeyed and emptied their glasses, when Beard winked "loudly," at the bar-keeper and said, "Charge it." The laughed turned against the Louisville party.

AN UNKNOWN LAND.

Facts About Central Asia.

The publications of the Royal Geographical Society of London, to May, 1871, have been issued in Volume XLI., and give us very interesting statistics from Central Asia.

Mirza Hayward, in describing the route to Cashmir to Sch, the capital of Ladak, and then crossed the pass in the Himalaya range, and found a region elevated from thirteen to eighteen thousand feet above the sea, from which rise snowy ranges of mountains which continue north into Russian territory as far as latitude 55°. His route was over and on the east side of the city range.

Baron Osten Sacken took his departured from Yarnoc, on the borders of Russia and the Chinese empire, crossed the snowy Thian Shan range, passed Lake Issikul, and surveyed to within twenty miles of the city of Kashgar, the north limit of Mr. Hayward's survey.

Mr. Schlenkoke, of the Russian scientific corps, made a topographical survey of the Zarafshan Valley and river, which run to the west, and pass Samarkand. They determine Khorasto to be in latitude 39 degrees 39 minutes north, and longitude 79 degrees 55 minutes east; Yarkand to be in latitude 38 degrees 21 minutes north, and longitude 77 degrees 28 minutes east; Kashgar to be in latitude 39 degrees 25 minutes north, and longitude 76 degrees 10 minutes east; Samarkand to be in latitude 39 degrees 40 minutes north, and longitude 67 degrees east.

These surveys fix definitely in our maps an unknown country, heretofore known as Little Bokhara, Chinese Tartary and Eastern Turkistan, the waters from which run into the Oxus, Naryn and Zarafshan rivers to the west, which enter the Caspian and Ural seas, and to the Kashgar and Youkaad rivers, which flow into Lake Lob, in Central China.

This range of mountains, which extends from India to Russian Siberia, is of great height. Hayward, in May, counted from a height of 12,000 feet above the sea, from that at one time; and the streams are mainly from the melting of snow in May, June, July and August, running through a country high above the level of the ocean, and capable of irrigation for any part of the world, with an industrious, hardy people, who live in great comfort. The products of the country are various and abundant. Wheat of two descriptions is produced, one sown in September and the other in April; rice, barley, Indian corn, four kinds of oil-seeds in abundance, clover, turnips, carrots, onions. Cotton of a fair description is produced in large quantities, and manufactured into material for native wear, or exported to Khokand and Russia. The fruit crops consist of the grape, apple, apricot, almond, peach, walnut; while the vine is cultivated, the yield from which is excellent. The mulberry is everywhere seen. The principal exports to India and Cashmir are Russian cloth, shoes and wool, &c. Khotan produces excellent carpets, silk in large quantities, &c. The animals are the horse, two-humped camel, ox, ass, sheep, goat, dog and yak.

Mr. Hayward gives the names of forty-six towns and villages: "Yarkand contains 40,000.—Is the capital of Eastern Turkistan, and 3,500 feet above the sea.—Has numerous mosques, many schools, 12 caravansaries which are always crowded with merchants from every part of Asia; the city is surrounded with a fortified wall, 30 feet high and forty-five feet in height and is entered by five gates. Kashgar contains 28,000 houses. Porgana contains 15,000 houses. Karghalik contains 20,000 houses and the country contains a population of several millions."

The people are Mohammedans of the Tartar-Uzbeg race, and governed by a military system. Yakoob Beg, the Atalik Ghazee, and Ruler of Eastern Turkistan,—who now is 45 years of age.

The Russians have possession of the west of the mountains, including Samarkand.

The Russian explorers have been the foremost in grading the track, and this number will be increased as fast as the engineers can prepare the line. The expense will be within $2,000,000, while the Oil Creek Road is compelled to pay 7 per cent interest on bonds and stock amounting to $11,000,000. The maximum grade ascending north will be 30 feet, enabling the Dunkirk, Warren & Pittsburgh Railroad to haul over the Warren & Venango Railroad thirty oil cars with the same power that the Oil Creek Road can haul ten cars to Corry."

A Man and a Dog Fight.

From the San Francisco *Bulletin*.

About half-past 8 o'clock Wednesday a boy, running along Leavenworth street through the rain, kicked a dog lying on the walk. The dog was savage, and the boy, springing to his feet, immediately attacked him, threw him down, and was only prevented from doing further damage by a heavy blow from a man. The dog was a large, powerful-looking man. The animal, thoroughly aroused and infuriated by this second kick, turned on his assailant, and a severe fight immediately ensued. The man lost his footing by the impetus of the dog's first spring, and they both rolled over and over in the wet and mud, the man succeeding in seizing the brute by the throat, from which he never lost his grip, although he was severely stopped his dray, and, pulling out one of the stakes, stood over the combatants, endeavoring to get in a blow, but struck at the danger of striking wrong that the man himself called out for him to desist. The fight had lasted probably three minutes, and two or three men were just hurrying to the scene, attracted by the cries of the boy, who had run into the garden for safety, when a noise was heard like the breaking of dry chips, and the dog stretched himself sudden-ly and stiffly out, his tongue hanging black and swollen, from his mouth, and the man came to the top once more, for the last time. One hand still on the animal's throat and the other on the counterbalance of the dray's tongue, receiving which he rose swiftly to his feet and struck the dog once or twice heavily upon the head. There was a convulsive quivering of the animal's frame, a little blood from the mouth and nose, and the fight was over. The man's wrists were badly lacerated, but beyond that, owing to the strength of his grip, he had received no injury.

New Anecdotes of Lord Byron.

At a time when Coleridge was in great embarrassment, Rogers, when dining on Byron, chanced to mention it. He immediately went to his writing-desk, and brought back a check for £100, and insisted on its being forwarded to Coleridge. "I will not take taking it," said Rogers, who told me the story, "for I knew that he was in want of it himself." His servants he treated with a gentle consideration for their feelings which I have seldom seen equaled. He would not suffer them devoted to him. At Newstead there was an old man who had been butler to his mother; and I have seen Byron, as the old man waited behind his chair, look up in his face with a glance of affection, and pass it to him when he thought we were too much engaged in conversation to observe what he was doing. The transaction was a thing of rustom; and both parties seemed to flatter themselves that it was clandestinely effected. A hideous old woman, who had been brought in to nurse him when he was unwell as one of his female slaves, whom few would have cared to retain about them longer than her services were required, was treated with kindness, and given a glass of wine